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SUBJECT: ECEVIT VISIT TO US: SECURITY

1. WE ARE PASSING ON FOLLOWING IN CONNECTION WITH SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ECEVIT VISIT:

A. HASAN ESAT ISIK, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)
DEPSEC GEN AND MEMBER OF ECEVIT'S DELEGATION, CALLED EMBOFF
JULY 22 TO SAY THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD RECOMMENDED THAT
TURKISH SECURITY OFFICER ACCOMPANY ECEVIT. ISIK SAID HE WAS
AFRAID THIS ADDITION TO PARTY WOULD "CAUSE DIFFICULTIES" FOR
THOSE ARRANGING TRIP AND ASKED EMBOFF'S OPINION. EMBOFF SAID
THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
SECURITY AND THAT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE COMMENSURATE
WITH THOSE FOR HEAD OF GOVERNMENT (INFO WE HAD PREVIOUSLY
PASSED THROUGH KOLOGLU). HOWEVER, EMBOFF WENT ON,
THERE COULD SURELY BE NO OBJECTION IF ECEVIT WISHED TO
HAVE HIS OWN SECURITY OFFICER WITH HIM.

B. SUBSEQUENTLY ISIK CALLED BACK, AFTER DISCUSSING
MATTER WITH ECEVIT, AND SAID ECEVIT HAD DECIDED NOT RPT NOT
TO TAKE A TURKISH SECURITY OFFICER BECAUSE HE HAD CONFIDENCE
IN US SECURITY MEASURES.
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